GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ACCELERATING FOODGRAIN EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s plan to undertake counter trade and provide commodity loans for accelerating export of foodgrain has been successful;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of difficulties faced or being faced by the Government in implementing the scheme; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the scheme operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The Government has recently decided to enter into counter-trade and/or extend commodity assistance in the form of foodgrains to other countries on terms to be decided on a case to case basis. It is not possible to assess its success so soon.